

Dear Bill & House Committee,

My name is Kim Gregory (Hough), I am from Grand Rapids and Wayland Michigan. 24 years ago I had a childhood dream of being an actor, living in Grand Rapids no one really knew how to make ones career choice come true. But one thing I had was great parents who supported me in my model and acting career. At 21 I was discovered at the Orbit room in Grand Rapids by a local model/talent scout, I soon was able to pursue my career on a very local level here in GR, being able to work for the big companies like, Amway, Steelcase, Herman Miller, Meijer, Roger Dept store, Gilmores, Westinghouse, Dayton Hudson, what I did not know is that this was really the training ground for something bigger.

In the fall of 1989 I went to a local model/talent scouting event, at this event I was discovered by the largest print modeling agency in New York City (Gilla Roos) and now 24 years later, and 48 years old the rest is history, I was able from this opportunity go to NYC and Hollywood and work as a model/actor, I was able to go to the best acting school in NYC which was The Neighborhood Playhouse, I was on a soap opera for 3 years, have been in 16 movies, made over 25 commercials.

Now the reason I'm writing this email is that all this opportunity would not have happen for me without a dream of something bigger (my personal vision), chasing that dream, and the right opportunities coming my way by being in the right position in life to receive these opportunities. I now have had to move back to Grand Rapids because my father passed away and my mother is here alone. I would like to help in any way possible to get more film made here in Michigan, I will help in any way that is needed. I have major friends on both coast that could help make Michigan a major filming location.

Again please pass this bill so other kids with dreams have the opportunities to work as a model/actor in there own state. The state of Michigan needs the film business and the film business needs Michigan. Thank you for reading my letter and if you need any help please do not hesitate to call and ask. Acting, Films, and TV have been my life for the last 24 years. I have added my bio and some other information in the attachments above. Bill if you need any help please call me.

Kim